

Who we are and what we do:

The mission of the Tennessee Department of Health is to protect, promote and improve the health and prosperity of people in Tennessee.

Our vision is to be a recognized and trusted leader, partnering and engaging to accelerate Tennessee to one of the nation's ten healthiest states.

The Division of Laboratory Services' mission is to provide quality testing services through innovation, collaboration, and education that protects and improves the health of all.

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TDH Laboratory Services



Public Health Laboratory Scientist 3, Clinical Department of Health, Division of Laboratory Services (DLS) Salary Range: \$49,092-\$78,552

Job Overview:

- Responsible for laboratory testing and work of moderate to complex difficulty as it relates to microbiological and/or molecular areas.
- Performs other tasks as required. Duties may include higher level troubleshooting and resolutions, training of staff, research equipment, method development and work of moderate to complex difficulty.

Distinguishing Features:

- This is a working level class in the Public Health Laboratory Scientist series.
- This class differs from Public Health Laboratory Scientist 2 in that an incumbent of the latter functions at the working level performing moderate difficulty laboratory testing. This class differs from the Public Health Laboratory Scientist 4 in that an incumbent of the latter serves as the lead scientist of a work unit and possesses a minimum of five years of laboratory experience.

Minimum Qualifications:

A PH Lab Scientist 3 performing clinical duties the majority of their time **MUST**:

- Have successfully completed a Medical Laboratory Scientist or Medical Laboratory Technician program.
OR
- Have graduated from an accredited college or university with a bachelor's degree in life sciences (e.g. biology, microbiology, or biochemistry), Medical Laboratory Science, pre-medicine, or other acceptable science.
OR
- Meet CLIA Testing Personnel Qualification Category set forth in federal CMS regulations 42 CFR, 493.1489.

A transcript with ALL credits is required to be uploaded with an employment application in order to properly evaluate a candidate's eligibility for a position in this classification. Microbiology coursework strongly preferred.

Required Experience:

- Have **three years of full-time professional work experience** in the related field.
- Substitution of Education for Experience:
 - Graduate course work received from an accredited college or university in a related field may substitute for the required experience on a year-to-year basis to a maximum of one year (e.g. 24 graduate semester hours or 36 graduate quarter hours in a related field may substitute for one year of the required experience).**OR**
- Successful completion of an accredited, 4-year medical laboratory scientist program, and three years of full-time professional work in the related field.

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